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Starting point. If you want to take a stab at something I will send maps.

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See attached. Let us know if you'd like to discuss, etc.  
Everyone have a great Thanksgiving...

-Aaron

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Hi guys-

We will need to make publically releasable one-page fact sheets (b) (5) DPP, (b) (5) ACP

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the state so I think that should continue. I know its almost Thanksgiving but the week after is going to fly by so would really appreciate a draft by Wednesday. That way I can tweak and have time to run back through you all. Let me know I can assist.

Separately I will be working on fact sheets with more of the narrative, but will include how access is being opened up etc so will need SOL help with reviewing.

Thanks. We are in the home stretch... for now!

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### **Bears Ears National Monument Modification**

**Decision:** The President has exercised his authority under the Antiquities Act (“Act”) to reduce the Bears Ears National Monument (BENM) to smaller monuments known as the “Indian Creek” and “Shash Jáa” National Monuments in order to ensure that the Federal land set aside is the smallest area compatible with the care and management of those objects of historic or scientific interest that are appropriate for protection under the Act. Those Federal lands not included in the new monuments remain in Federal ownership and will be managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) under applicable laws and land use plans that governed prior to designation of the BENM.

The modification to the boundaries of the BENM creating the Indian Creek and Shash Jáa National Monuments retains objects that qualify as objects of historic or scientific interest under the Act, including:

- Bears Ears Buttes and Headwaters
- Lime Ridge Clovis Site
- Moon House Ruin
- Doll House Ruin
- Indian Creek Rock Art
- Newspaper Rock
- Hole in the Rock Trail
- Outlaw Trail
- Cultural resources, such as ancient cliff dwellings, Moki Steps, ceremonial sites, ancient tools and projectile points, remains of dwellings, granaries, kivas, towers, large villages, rock shelters, caves, and a prehistoric road system, as well as petroglyphs and pictographs.
- Historic resources, such as remnants of sheep herding and farming operations as well as dugways, historic cabins, corrals, trails, and carved inscriptions in the rock.
- Paleontological resources, such as the fossils remains of fish, amphibians, reptiles, and mammals, as well as dinosaur trackways.

**Acreage:** The Federal lands designated in the two national monuments total 201,400 acres. The proclamation restores 1,151,336 acres of Federal land that were improperly reserved by the original BENM designation to their prior land management status. The acreages for the previously designated BENM and the new Indian Creek and Shash Jáa National Monuments are below.

<b><u>Bears Ears National Monument</u></b>	<b><u>Indian Creek National Monument</u></b>	<b><u>Shash Jáa National Monument</u></b>
<b>BLM:</b> 1,063,670 acres	<b>BLM:</b> 71,896 acres	<b>BLM:</b> 97,075 acres
<b>USFS:</b> 289,066 acres	<b>Private:</b> 4,936 acres	<b>USFS:</b> 32,430 acres
<b>State of Utah:</b> 112,785 acres	<b>State of Utah:</b> 9,618 acres	<b>Private:</b> 1,694 acres
<b>Private:</b> 12,815 acres		<b>State of Utah:</b> 10,663 acres
<b>Total:</b> 1,478,336 acres	<b>Total:</b> 86,447 acres	<b>Total:</b> 141,862 acres

\*\*Non-federal lands are within the external boundary are not part of the national monument but are included for reference purposes.

The President’s proclamation also provides that current authorizations for livestock grazing – including the levels of grazing authorized – would not be affected or curtailed because of the monument designation. In addition, the President’s proclamation provides that the Bears Ears Commission will provide guidance and recommendations for the Shash Jáa National Monument and will be expanded to include a Native American San Juan County Commissioner elected by the majority-Native American voting district in that County. Finally, the proclamation also

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clarifies that pending preparation of a transportation plan for the national monument, the Secretaries may allow motorized and non-motorized mechanized vehicle use on roads and trails designated for such use immediately prior to the designation of the BENM and maintain such roads and trails for such use.

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### **Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Modification**

**Decision:** The President has exercised his authority under the Antiquities Act (“Act”) to reduce the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) to three smaller monuments known as the “Grand Staircase,” “Kaiparowits,” and “Escalante Canyons” National Monuments in order to ensure that the Federal land set aside is the smallest area compatible with the care and management of those objects of historic or scientific interest that are appropriate for protection under the Act. Those Federal lands not included in the new monuments remain in Federal ownership and will be managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) under applicable laws.

In the twenty years since designation of the GSENM, the objects identified by the proclamation have been more thoroughly examined and mapped, which offered the opportunity to examine the significance of the objects previously identified and to determine the proper size of the reservation necessary to protect those resources appropriately reserved under the Act. The new monuments retain the vast majority of objects identified in the original designation, including those areas with the highest concentration of fossil resources, important landscape features such as the Grand Staircase, Upper Paria Canyon System, Kaiparowits Plateau, Escalante Natural Bridge, Upper Escalante Canyons, East Kaibab Monocline (Cockscomb), Grosvenor Arch, Old Paria Townsite, Dance Hall Rock, and relict plant communities such as No Mans Mesa.

**Acreage Changes:** The original GSENM monument boundary, which included 1,865,837 acres of Federal land, has been reduced by 868,347 acres. The remainder would continue to be part of three national monuments as provided below.

#### **Grand Staircase NM**

**BLM:** 209,993 acres  
**Private:** 1,990 acres

**Total:** 211,983 acres

#### **Kaiparowits NM**

**BLM:** 544,661 acres  
**Private:** 80 acres

**Total:** 544,741 acres

#### **Escalante Canyons NM**

**BLM:** 242,836 acres  
**Private:** 405 acres

**Total:** 243,241 acres

\*\*Non-federal lands are within the external boundary are not part of the national monument but are included for reference purposes.

The President’s proclamation also provides that the Secretary may consider allowing motorized and non-mechanized vehicle use on roads outside of Wilderness Study Areas that were open to motorized use immediately prior to designation of the GSENM and maintain roads for such use in accordance with applicable law and agency policy. It also provides that current authorizations for livestock grazing – including the levels of grazing authorized – would not be affected or curtailed because of the monument designation. The proclamation also clarifies that ecological restoration management activities related to fire management are allowed, including, for example, prescribed burns to improve plant and animal habitat or to help the land become more resilient. Finally, the proclamation directs the Secretary to, with maximum public involvement, prepare and maintain a management plan for each of the monuments and the land that is now outside of the monument boundaries.